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COPPER, SILVER, GOLD, AND OTHER METALS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 14, 2003, applicant elects, without traverse, Group II (claims 5-13) and cancels claims 1-3, 22-28, and 32-35 (Groups I, III, and IV) without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to reassert the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more divisional applications.

As a result of this cancellation, claims 5-13 and 36-41 remain in the application. Claims 36-41, which were identified in the previous Restriction Requirement (September 11, 2002) as addressing two patentably distinct species, stand withdrawn. The previous Restriction Requirement also identified claims 5-13, as well as claims 1-3, 22-28, and 32-35, as generic to these two species.

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In closing, applicant submits that new claims are being prepared to supplement claims 5-13 and thus ensure a full and efficient examination of the merits of this aspect of the application. To this end, applicant requests respectfully that the Examiner phone its patent counsel Eduardo Drake in the event, the application lacks these new claims when examination begins.

Respectfully submitted,

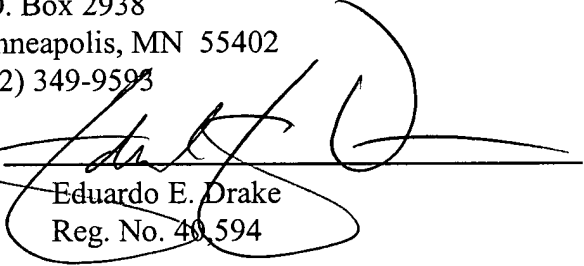
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